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**SCHEDULES**

**Masses:**

Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday 9:00 AM

**Confession:**

Sunday 8:00AM-8:45AM

**Eucharistic Adoration:**

Friday 7:00PM-8:00PM

**Religious Education:**

Sunday 10:30AM-12:00PM

**1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Month:**

- Mass at 8:30AM
- Altar & Rosary Society  
Meeting

*Weekly Bulletin*

September 29, 2007 through October 6, 2007

“Compete well for the faith!”

Saint Paul urges us to a greater sense of dedication in our discipleship in his letter to Timothy. This Sunday’s first reading emphasizes a similar sentiment: “Woe to the complacent...stretched comfortably on their couches!” I guess the prophet Amos didn’t like couch potatoes! Our patron Saint Vincent de Paul whose feastday we celebrate liturgically this weekend certainly didn’t sit around... he is the patron of all the charitable works of the Church because of his incredibly prolific life. He founded two religious orders and numerous services for the poor.

We each need to find the way to be active in working for the Gospel. Our youth group has set a good example for the rest of us! Adults are highly encouraged to attend the religious education classes to be held on Sunday mornings after Mass.

We are also blessed with several groups of parishioners which have been active in fundraising to support our parish. The freewill offerings at the monthly Saturday evening potluck dinners have raised \$365.00 and the talented ladies in the kitchen raised \$2,025.00 through catering some special events. We will need to keep doing fundraising activities this coming year as we look to investing in overdue building repairs.

The good news is that we were financially responsible this past year and were able to support our expenses without dipping into our savings. The bad news is that starting in the summer we have not been as good at contributing to the needs of our parish—time to end the vacation in giving! In the coming weeks we will publish our annual financial report for everyone to review and have an opportunity to discuss how we should all be involved in the welfare of our community of faith.

Please prayerfully consider that our community is meant to be enriched by the gift that God created you to be! The generosity of each person’s time, talent, and treasure is what makes our parish a dynamic and living place of Faith instead of simply being a pretty building. Giving spare time and spare change won’t make us more Christ-like. It is sacrifice that He showed us to be the proof of Love!

A half-hearted commitment to the Church means that we are only opening our hearts halfway to God’s Love. The Church is where we receive that Merciful Love and where we are commissioned to share that Love with one another. Gratitude for all God’s blessings in our lives should move us to share those blessings with others through the sacrificial commitment of our time, talent, and treasure.

God bless!

Fr. Joseph

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday 9/29**  
*5:00 PM Mary Clyde*

**Sunday 9/30**  
*9:00 AM People of the Parish*

**Saturday 10/6**  
*8:30 AM Ralph Mikel Family*  
*5:00 PM Altar & Rosary Society*

**Sunday 10/7**  
*9:00 AM People of the Parish*

**GOSPEL READING AT MASS**

**Saturday 9/29 (Vigil)**  
Luke 16: 19-31

**Sunday 9/30**  
Luke 16: 19-31

**Monday 10/1**  
Luke 9: 46-50

**Tuesday 10/2**  
Luke 9: 51-56

**Wednesday 10/3**  
Luke 9: 57-62

**Thursday 10/4**  
Luke 10: 1-12

**Friday 10/5**  
Luke 10: 13-16

**Saturday 10/6 (AM)**  
Luke 10: 17-24

**Saturday Confession**

Saturday Confession will be at the **Cathedral of Saint Paul** from 3:30PM-5:00PM

**Lus ceeb toom**

Vim tsis muaj tus teb xov tooj  
hav peb lub Tsev teev Ntuj  
lawm, mas yog nej hu tuaj, tus  
yuav teb xov tooj yog tus khiav  
haj lwm nyob pem lub niam  
Tsev teev Ntuj (Cathedral). Tso  
nej npe thiab xov tooj, Txiv Plig  
mam li hu rov rau nej.

**Celebrate Our Patron Saint - October 13**

The feastday of our patron Saint Vincent de Paul is September 27<sup>th</sup>. Since this falls during the week, we have received permission to move the liturgical celebration to this weekend. Because of one of our parishioner’s funeral rites this weekend, we will not have a celebratory dinner until October 13<sup>th</sup> when we will be joined for the Saturday 5pm Mass by our new Coadjutor Archbishop John Nienstedt. All are encouraged to attend the October 13<sup>th</sup> Mass and Dinner to greet our new archbishop and honor our patron saint! Also at that Mass some of the lay people who assist the Missionaries of Charity will make promises to live in the spirit of Mother Teresa of Calcutta—including some who help teach religious education on Sunday mornings to our children. We are happy to join in prayer with them on this joyous occasion!

**Parish Council Meeting**

Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on October 7<sup>th</sup> at Noon, immediately following religious education.

**Thursday Morning Meetings**

Every Thursday morning at 7 AM an “open forum” meeting is held in Wellisch Hall. All parishioners who would like to listen in or share concerns are invited to attend these meetings as the day-to-day operations of the parish are discussed. The parish office will be open from 8:30 AM until Noon on Thursdays.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, PRAY FOR US!**